SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Sir, an investigation is already on into what tapes have got spoiled or destroyed and whether the entire thing is being computerised or not. We are engaged in that exercise. When ft is over, if necessary, we will come back.

SHRI *G.* TINDIVANAM VENKATRAMAN: I would like to know from the Minister how many A.C rooms are there for keeping these tapes and the total' number of tapes kept in those rooms.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I suppose such a detailed question needs..,

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Mr. Chairman, Sir, he may be able to say how many rooms are there. Perhaps he may not be able to tell the *total* number of tapes. So, for the purpose of keeping these tapes in safe custody how many tapes are there, It is a simple question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If the information is not available, the Minister will send the information to you.

SHRI VKHVIIT P. SINGH. As we are all aware, a large amount of tapes—as; the Minister himself would admit—are of great historical, political and archival importance, Is there any kind of scheme being envisaged by the Gov ernment or has there been any plan which has been put forward by any conmmittee to set up an archive within the Doordarshan, which would be available to scholars, historians, to everybody to consult and use? That archive could itself allot *to* itself various tapes. For example, the courts deliver judgments on cases. The case files are consigned to the special record rooms? Similarly, will there be an archieve room set up in their different Doordarshan Kendras for storage and reference?

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO; Yes, Sir. The non. Member is right. We are try-it^; for a digital video archieve, which will take lesser space, but will have a longer life and ideal conditioning. This is exactly (the proposal we have been moving in thg Ministry of Finance. We are on to it and I would like the support of the entire House so that I do not have to come back again and again.

श्री रामजी लाल : सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके द्वारा मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा कि वेल्यूएबल टेप्स के खराब होने से क्या दूरदर्शन के प्रोग्राम पर असर पड़ेगा ? यदि हां, तो टेप्स को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए स्टोरेज कैपेसिटी कब तक दूरदर्शन के पास उपलब्ध करा दी जाएगी ?

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: What is his question, Sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What steps *hare* been tak-sm to increase the facility? 1 think he answer has been given already.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Yes, Sir.

श्री अजीत जोगी : सभापति महोदय, हमारी जानकारी के अनुसार टेलीविजन ने 6 दिसम्बर को जो अयोध्या में घटना हुई थी, उसका भी एक वीडियो टेप लिया था, कई कारणों से वह प्रदर्शित नहीं हो सका। मैं आपके माध्यम से जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या वह वीडियो टेप लिया गया है ? उसमें कितनी जानकारी है, उसको क्या सुरक्षित रखा गया है और उसे कब प्रदर्शित किया जाएगा ?

MR, CHAIRMAN: Well, now Q. No. 103. Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya.

आयकर वसूली हेतु प्रक्रिया में सुधार

*103. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :**
श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में 31 दिसम्बर, 1992 तक आयकर, जिसमें निगम कर शामिल है, बकाया राशि कितनी है तथा इसमें से कितनी राशि वसूल की जा चुकी है ;

†सभा में यह प्रश्न श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय द्वारा पूछा गया ।

(ख) क्या बकाया राशि की वसूली के लिए सरकार कोई कदम उठा रही है या उठाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार आयकर अधिनियम, 1961 के तहत निर्धारित कार्यवाही में कोई परिवर्तन करना चाहती है ताकि इसे और अधिक प्रभावकारी बनाया जा सके ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The total amount of income tax (in. *eluding,* corporation tax) outstanding as on 30th November, 1992 was Rs 6517 crores (provisional). Tile figure for 31st December, 1992, has not been compiled yet. The net reduction in aggregate income Sax demand from 1st April, 1992 cm 30th November, 1992 was Rs 1944 crores.

(b) Necessary administrative, legal and other measures arc continuously taken to recover the outstanding demand.

(c) and (d) Tax reform is an ongoing process. Appropriate changes are made in the Income Tax Act, 1961 as and when considered necessary. for expeditions settlement of litigation in direct tax matters, Government hopes soon to bring forward legislation in regard to setting up of a National Court of Direct Taxes

SMRt SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the total amount of income tax arrears as on 30th November, 1992 was Rs. 6517 crores. 1 would like to know the, names of the first top ten income tax defaulters.

SHRI M. V, CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, this question relates to the amount of income tax recovery. The hon. Members has asked a general question. If he has any firm or company or any person in bis mind, he can tell me. Then, I will find out. I need a separate notice for (that.

SHRI AJIT P. K JOGI; His supply mentary is totally relevant to this question. Yon shomd be able *to to* say the top ten income tax defaulters are. *(Interruptions)...* His supplementary is totally relevant to this question. He should be able to tell the House.

SHRI JAGDISH DESAI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is a relevant question .. *{Interruptions)* ..

SHRI N. E. BALARAM; Some of the names are well known to him. He should tell us... *{Interruptions)...* Nobody can hide those names... *(lnter~ ruptions).* ..

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The question is not only about the am-t OUB! but from whom also ... (*Interrup'* tions)... He should not hesitate... (*Interruptions) ...*

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: If he does not know, I can give him the figures... *(Interruptions) .. .*

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Malaviya, will you put youir second supplementary?

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: My first supplementary wag very relevant He should answer it.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: His first supplementary should be answered.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Direct the Minister to reply to my first supplementary...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Disclose the t«n names.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Let the Finance Minister come to his rescue.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let us hear the Minister. He is saying something.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: He is not revealing the facts.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let us hear the Minister.

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, kindly see part (a) of the question. It aays:

"What is the total amount of income tax which includes Corporate tax, outstanding as on the 31st December, 1992, together wifh the amount *out* of it recovered so far." I have given the details. Part, (b) says; "Whether Government are taking or propose to take any steps to recover the outstanding amount." We have repliej to that also. He has asked a general question. If he wants to know about say particufer company *Or* any person, I need a separate notice for that... (Interruptions))...

SHRI, AJIT P. K. JOGI; Sir, the supplementary arises from the main question.

SHRI YASHWANT-SINHA; Sir, the House wants to know who the top ten Finance Minister is not new.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: The whole House wants to know who the top ten income tax defaulters are.

MR, CHAIRMAN; Let us hear the Minister ... *(Interruptions)* Please sit down ... *(Interruptions)* .. . After he finishes.

SHRI M. V. OHANDRASHEKIIAR MURTHY: The number of direct tax cases pending before the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal as on the 31.10.92 were 2,24,396. . *(Interruptions).* ..

MR. CHAIRMAN; Let the Mirister complete his reply. Please hear the hon. Minister,

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: The Miinster is giving his maiden reply. He should not be harassed by the Members.

SHRI P SHIV SHANKER; He should not be harassed or harangued because his appearance is maiden... *(Interruptions)* ...

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: As on the 31st October, 1992 the number of cases pending before the High Court was 34,000 and before the Supreme Court 3,485. How can I give ...*(Interruptions).* . this list of 2 lakh cases,

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA; Sir, you have already ruled that...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister does cot have that information with him and he says that he must have the detailed informal on, the particular name... *(Interruptions)* .

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA; We can excuse ,the Minister of State because the Minister of State is new. But, certainly, the Finance Minister should be in a position to answer this question. He hag let down three of his former Ministers of State with the result that they are out. Let him not let down. . *(Interruptions)* .

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Hhe Finance Minister knows all the figures.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY; Mr. Yashwant Sinha knows all the knacks of the trade.

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू : आप लोग कितना चाहते हैं आपको मालूम है... (व्यवधान)

एक माननीय सदस्य : यह तीनों बाहर हो गए हैं ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, firstly, it is not correct to say that this does not arise from the main question. Secondly, the answer given by the Minister is patently wrong because according to press reports, the income-tax due from one Mr. Harshad Mehta is of the order of Rs. 9,000 crores to Rs. 10,000 crores. How can the total amount due from everybody in the country be of the order of only Rs. 6000 crores? Therefore:, the hon. Minister is consciously or unconsciously misleading the Minister. Let the senior Minister, whose parliamentary virginity is no longer intact. .. *(Interruptions)* ...

श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे : पहले दस नाम बता दीजिए आप ... (व्यवधान)

डा० सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी : बी०जे०पी० के कितने लोग हैं यह भी बता दें।

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम : आप लोगों पर कितना है यह भी बता दें . . . (व्यवधान)

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Mr. Jaipal Reddy, the proof of the pudding is in; the eating

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (3HM MANMOHAN SINGH): Mr. Chairman, I regret to say that I do not have that information with me today. We will supply it to any Member who wants it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is reasonable enough. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH; Mr. Jaipal Reddy has pointed out an apparent wrong, incorrectness, in the reply. It is everybody's knowledge that on account of Harshad Mehta, the income-tax loss was around Rs 9,000 crores, *(Interruptions).*

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY; How do you know it?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: It has come in the press,

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY; In the 'Indian Express"?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The Income-tax Department... *(Interruptions).*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Let the Finance Minister deny it.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Yes. Let the Finance Minister deny that.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA; Sir, should we get answers from press reports or from the Minister? Should the Minister borrow figures from press reports? *(Interruptions)*,

MR. CHAIRMAN: You cannot take newspaper reports as authentic.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA; The Minister can certainly deny that it is Rs. 10,000 crores.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Why should be be denying press renorts? What is the source of the information *(Interruptions)* ,

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA; Hon. Members in the House are making a statement. If it is not true, (the hon. Minister can deny it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the Finance Minister has said that he does not have the information with him right now, but he will send the information. This is what he h?s said. we have to be satisfied with that,

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA; We are saying that the information itself is wrong. That it is Rs. 6,000 crores is wrong information. That is what We are saying.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: My submission is, the basic information is wrong. *(Interruptions)* . Let the question, continue,

SHRI JAGESH DESAI; If somebody asks... *(Interruptions)...* we would raise supplementaries.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That will follow. You are free to do that. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: It is very im_ portant. Let it be postponed to next week.

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU; The House would like to know the details. The quesion may be. postponed to the next day. That is my submission.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI; The Minister says he does not have the information: today. Let him come prepared with the information. Then we will have questions and answers.

SHRI P. UPENDRA: It should fee postponed.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI; It should be postponed because we do not want to shelter any Harshad Mehta. *(Interruptions).* It should be postponed to next week, *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN; No. The Minister has said that re will supply the information later. Why should we postpone it? *(.lnterruptoins).* The Minister has already said that be will give *the* information.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, dont start a wrong precedent in the House. *(Interruptions)* .

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Sir, the Minister said, "He does not have the information." *(Interruptions)* We have done it earlier also. *(lnterruptoins)* The Minister himself says that he does not have the information. *(Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Memhers say that they do not. think the information given by the Minister is correct. But the Minister insists that the information given by him is correct. Now, if there is so much doubt about it, the Members are free ito raise it in the form of a privilege or through some other means but not continue with this discussion. *(lnterruptoins)* If you want it, then either the Minister will give the information later' or you can ask for a discussion later. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Sir, all the other supplementaries arise from this question. (Interruptions).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Either the Minister will give the information later or you can ask for a discussion later. *(Interruptions)* .

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, can we have a Half-an-hour Discussion on this? *(Interruptions).* We can have a Half-an-Hour Discussion on this question. *(Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please give a notice and I will consider it. Now, we need not proceed with the supplementary. *(Interruptions)* Mr. Malaviya, do you want to ask a second supplementary?

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Yes, Sir. Sir, there is a news item in today's paper published in "THE INDIAN EXPRESS" which says:* ' *(Interruptions)*

*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I rule it out. *(Interruptions)* This will be out of the record. This is not to be recorded. It has nothing to do with the question. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Sir, my question is whether Hiten Dalai is also one of the defaulters in payment of income tax. *(Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I cannot hear you. *(Inteiruptions)* What are you asking, Mr. Malaviya?

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Sir, my question is whether Mr. Hiten Dalai is also one of the defaulters in payment of income tax. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is not about a particular individual. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Let him answer, Sir. I want to know whether Hiten Dalai is also one of the defaulters in payment of income tax. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, are you able to answer that question?

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: Sir, I have no information.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Obviously, the Minister has already said that he is not in a position to give the names. But he is prepared to give the names to you later. Then why should you ask again and again the same question information about which he does not have now? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Sir, my question arises from the original question. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: How is it relevant? The question is about income tax. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, he wants to know whether the name of Hiten Dalai also figures in the list of defaulters. .. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Mr. Narayanasamy, let the Minister answer this question. You are not the Minister. *(Interruptions)* Mr. Narayanasamy, you are not a Minister *(Interruptions),*

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY Sir, I want...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Swamy, are you asking another question?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Yes, Sir. I am not mentioning any names, *(interruptions).*

MR, CHAIRMAN: Can we now hear in silence? You will be interested to hear.

SHRISUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Sir, with due consideration to the fact that this is a maiden answer, I will ask Mm about a maiden, if you permit. I am referring to part (b) of the question. I would like an assurance from the Finance Minister that amongst the defaulters there are no politicians and that they would make an example for the rest of the society. Right now the impression is that ordinary people are harassed by the income tax authorities. But politicians aire spared even when there are blatant violations. Is this connection, I would seek an assurance from the Finance Minister that if amongst the de-ifauitres there are names of politicians, he would take concrete action. I myself have brought to the notice of this House and it has been answered in this House that*

is a big defaulter.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Names should not go in.

SHRI M. V. OIAMDRASHEKHAR MUKtHY: Sir, I have already answered part (b) of the question saying "Necessary administrative, legal and other measure are continuously taken to recover the outstanding demand.'* It is a continuous process. Whosoever is involved, this process will continue.

*Not recorded.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: InritKiing" *(Interruptions).*

I am ready. But BJP is the biggest defaulter, *(interruptions).*

SHRI S. S. AHL.UWAUA: *an Income-tax officer was traasfmed. *itiaer-ruptiOns),*

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Sir, during the last *42* years we have spent most of the time in amending The Income Tax Act. In regard to realisation, there are many loopholes in the Income Tax Act. I would like to know from the hon. Minister what measures he is going to take in the coming session to amend the Income Tax Act so that the loopfcoies can be plugged and the tax-evaders we not let loose.

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR. MURTHY: Sir, I have already replied to this question. Regarding plugging of the loopholes in the income tax, Sir, it is a continuous process and we are at it. For expeditious settlement of litigation in direct tax matters, the Government will soon bring forward a legislation in regard to the setting up of National Court of Direct Taxes.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: S:r, the other day, the hon. Finance Minister in a television appearance told the nation that 40 per cent of our tax resources are eaten up by tax evasion and that he wants to tighten up the machinery of recovery and he will not raise the tax rates. This is very laodaWe. But while he applied his mind to the question of tax recovery and tightening up the mechanism, surely when they were computing the total amount of arrears they must have come across the individual items which have to be totalled up. to get to the total. Sorely, he should have these promineiv. tax-defaulters on his finger tips now. But it is difficult to believe that they do not know the names. Now that they say that they do not know, I want an assurance from the boa. Minister; are they prepared to tell us, fast of all, that tax evasion Is a

serious Iriminal offence. How many criminal cases have been filled against, these major defaulters? Will he prepare an inventory, prepare a list, and tell the House? Secondly, is he prepared to tell the House candidly, honestly and forth-rightly how the membership of the political party—the ruling party—the support of that party, the collaboration with that political party, has provided an umbrella against non-prosecution and compousiding of prosecutions in those rare cases where they have been filed? You come out with a report, otherwise, all that are telling the nation is pure baloney, thai you are going to tighten the machinery. I would like to know the names of the defaulters. *{Interruptions) .,.*

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: He has put a very difficult question. None of them can answer. *(Interruptions)* .. Nobody is standing *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MWRTHY: Sir,..

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: It is not fair on the part of the hon. Finaace Minister to put the maiden Minister to difficulty. *(Interruptions)...* When the Minister is here. . . *(Interruptions)* ...

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: Sir,. . . *(Interruptions)* ,..

MS. CHAIRMAN: Let us hear him. *(Interruptions). ..*

SHRI RAMI JETHMALANI: This maiden cannot do anything. Let us have some more experienced person. (Infer-*roptions) , ..*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Both can give ftns-wers. *(Interruptions)*,..

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: I am sorry, this question itself is objectionable because that refers to the rulling party trying, to .shield some persons. Unless he gives details thereof this question cannot go on... *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: My fri-and, Mr. Shiv .Shanker, is absolutely right. The Finance Minister can definitely have. *(Interruptions)...* If I am called upon i can givve a list to anybody you want. *(Interruptions). ,.*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please answer.

SHRI *M.* V. CWAHDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: In the Income-tax Act, 1961; sufficient measures have been provided. These are levy of penal interest, levy of penalty... attachment and sale of immovable property of the defaulters, attachment and sale of movable property of the defaulters, arrest of defaulters and his detention in prison. .. *(Interruptions)* ... appointment of receiver in the management of defaulters movable and immovable property.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: What are you talking about? Is there any relation between the two? *(Interruptions)* .. .How many have you filed? How many have you replied? How many have you compounded, .. . *(Interruptions)...* support of the ruling party? *(Interruptions) . ..*

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: Unlestj I have a specific question. .. *(Interruptions) I* would not be able to answer the supplementary queston, Sir. *(Interruptions)* .. .We are unable to reply to this question. *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Most of the prominent defaulters are... *(Interruptions). ..*

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: I can give the names of the Congressmen. *(Interruptions). ..*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let us go to another question. We can discuss it more reasonably. Q. No. 104, Mr. Sunil Basu Ray *(Interruptions). . .*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, Mr. Ram Jethmalani needs to be congratulated on his brilliant record... *(Interruptions)* ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You must congratulate the Minister also who has made hi$_s$ maiden attempt. *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: 1 am not allowed any supplementary for the last two sessions. *(Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Two sessions.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Yes, two sons. *(Interruption:)) . . .*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will allow you. tomorrow. *(Interruptions)...* I will d.> it tomorrow. *(Interruptions),* , I will do
it tomorrow. Q. No. 104.

Manufacture of currency printing paperS and specialised inks

"104. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of PENANCE t- pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian units are capable of nianu-facturing currency paper and specialised inks in the country;

(b) if 10, the details thereof;

(c) whether at present Government are importing currency printing paper and specialised inks; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken for indigenous production of these for slaving foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) A state ment is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

(a) to (c) Security Paper Mill, Hoshansatoad, a unit under the admiinstiafivc-control of the Ministry of Finance, makes watermarked bank/currency note paper. The Unit meets about 60 per cent of the total requirement of bank/currency note paper. The balance requirement of about 40 per cent is met by imports. So far

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Ramachandran Pillai.

a^ security printing inks are concerned, the Ink Factory attached to Bank Note Press, Dev.as, another unit under the administrative courol of the Ministry of Hnancv, makes some of the several' types of inks i.e. Off Set Printing Ink, Letter Press Printing ink. Quick Setting Intaglio lnk it with interleaving Feeder required for printing of currency/bank notes. However, the Ink Factory cannot make Quick Setting Intaglio Iak without Interleaving Feeder because of technological reasons. Hence the requirement of about 300 MT -*PER* annum for Quick Setting Intaglio Ink without Interleaving Feeder is met by imports,

(d) Government is exploring possebi- of augmenting domestic production.

SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: The hon. Minister replies that 60 per cent of our requirement is met by the Gov-enuiient-owissd Hoshangabad unit. The fcal'ance requirement of 40 per cent is met by imports. According to my information, our import is mainly from a cartel—a cartel from U.K..—a monopoly which controls the South Asian markets. The raw material for currency paper *it* »vaflab!e in abundance in India. We also produce all the chemicals required for production of the currency paper. Tihere are reports that some of the paper mills specialised in making security paper have made a proposal before the Government of India that they would set up a plant with a performance guarantee and hand over that to the Government or set up a joint-venture unit or set up a unit, public or private, willing to sell at a lower price than the prevailing international price. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the reports are true; if so, whether the Government has taken any decision on that.

डा० अबरार अहमद : सर, 60 परसेंट पेपर एस०पी०एम०होशंगाबाद की पेपर मिल में बनाया जाता है और बाकी 40 परसेंट हमारी जो जरूरत है वह इम्पोर्ट में पूरी होती है । माननीय सदस्य ने पूछा है कि हम जो 40 परसेंट पेपर इम्पोर्ट करते हैं, उसको हम अपने यहां ही बनायें तो इसके बारे में जो हमारे